

REMARKS

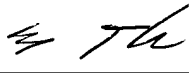
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that dependent claims 16-17 and 24-25 contain allowable subject matter, and would allowed if rewritten into independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 16 and claim 20 has been amended incorporate claim 24. Claims 17 and 25 have been amended to be dependent on claims 1 and 20, respectively. Hence, claims 1-15, 17-19, 20-23 and 25-27 are believed to be allowable, as indicated by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

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